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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP

1. SPANISH PRESS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S TRIP OVER THE WEEKEND.

2. CONSERVATIVE ABC SAID THE PURPOSE OF PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S SPEECH IN NIGERIA WAS AS FOLLOWS: "AN  
ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE HIS HOSTS THAT THE U.S. IS  
SINCERE IN SAYING WHAT ALL ITS PRESIDENTS HAVE  
BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS -- THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED  
IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, RECOGNIZE ITS IMPORTANCE,  
ARE CONCERNED BY ITS PROBLEMS AND DO NOT CONSIDER  
IT SIMPLY AN ARENA IN THE EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION."

3. CATHOLIC CENTRIST "YA" SAID: "THE WELCOME  
OFFERED IN LAGOS TO JIMMY CARTER, WHOM THE NIGERIA  
CHIEF OF STATE, OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, CHARACTERIZED AS  
FRIEND, BROTHER AND COUNSELLOR, HAS BEEN INTERPRETED  
AS EVIDENCE THAT WASHINGTON HAS SELECTED IT AS THE  
PRIVILEGED DIPLOMATIC INTERLOCUTOR WHICH WILL HAVE  
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A MAJOR ROLE IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF AFRICA."

4. INDEPENDENT LIBERAL LEFT "EL PAIS" SAID: "THE  
CONSENSUS IS THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN PORTION OF  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT SERVED VIRTUALLY NO PURPOSE  
--THE RECEPTION OF CARTER AND HIS GROUP IN BRASILIA  
WAS CHARACTERIZED BY ALL OBSERVERS AS EXTREMELY COLD.

GEISEL IMPLICITLY CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT BY SAYING  
THAT HE WOULD BE SATISFIED IF THE VISIT AIDED THE  
U.S. PRESIDENT IN FORMING A JUST OPINION OF THE  
BRAZILIAN REALITY." RYLANCE

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